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inviolable. Such united rules shall not take effect until they shall have been reported to Congress by the Attorney General at the beginning of a regular session thereof and until after the close of such session."

It disapproves H. R. 7613, providing for drawing of jurors by the District court Judges as an unnecessary conferring of clerical duties upon them.

It commends the adoption of the Burtness Bill, H. R. 121, and very similar to the North Dakota Statute, providing for examination of adverse parties at the trial or conditionally, or upon commission.

It considers the passage of H. R. 479, providing for trial by jury in contempt cases, unwise, but the Committee's opposition seems to be confined to Section 2, which reads: "Such jury trial shall be presided over by a judge not connected in any way with the case, trial, motion, or other proceedings in which the contempt is charged."

It approves the adoption of the Declaratory Judgments Act, H. R. 5365.

#### OPTIMISM—IDIOTIC OR INTELLIGENT?

The latest pronouncement of the Communist Internationale, made through Monsieur Zinovieff, is as follows: "Our diagnosis of society remains the same, which is the death of capitalism and the dictatorship of the proletariat in a comparatively short time. We are convinced that the dictatorship of the proletariat is next in line of the historic development of society. Events so far have completely verified the correctness of our course and our staking everything on the proletarian revolution. We believe it will be the fate of our generation to live through the victory of the proletariat on a world scale. We were and we remain proletarian revolutionists."

#### UNIFORM STATE LAWS

Commissioners Sveinbjorn Johnson and H. A. Bronson, representing North Dakota, expect to attend the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws to be held at Denver, Colorado, July 6-11, immediately preceding the annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

Consideration will be given at that time to uniform acts dealing with Motor Vehicles, Inheritance Taxes, and Sale and Disposition of Fire Arms.

#### NOTES

The Ramsey County, Minnesota, Bar Association, at its recent meeting adopted a resolution favoring capital punishment.

It is not generally known that the English theory of pleading has been in effect in the municipal court of Chicago for nearly two decades.

At the December Virginia bar examinations, a negro woman was admitted to the bar. She is the first negro woman to be admitted in the United States. Two other negro women failed to pass the examination.

The executive committee of the St. Paul Bar Association has unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the re-election of Municipal Judge John W. Finehout, on the ground that he is unfit for the office.